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REMINDER - FINAL OPPORTUNITY – LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

Visit www.indianafiretraining.com to register for the Warsaw seminar on 2/18/17. Seminar will be held at the Kosciusko County Justice Building 121 N. Lake Street Warsaw, IN. The State is providing lunch and **WE NEED YOU** to register if you plan to attend so we have enough food for all concerned.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Combined Testing/Issuing certifications based upon combined testing: During our recent IFSAC accreditation site visit a finding was issued referencing the Board issuing certifications on combined tests such as FF I/II. The finding requires us to stop conducting combined tests unless we can separate the test and give a score on each certification included as part of that test. The basis for the IFSAC finding using FF I/II as an example - the student could possibly not achieve a score of 70% on the questions on the FF I combined test but because the student scored very high on the FF II questions the student achieved a score of 70% or higher on the combined FF I/II test which allows them to be certified in both. Another example is the student fails to achieve a score of 70% or higher on the FF II test questions but we still issue a FF II certification based upon the aggregate score of a combined test.

Effective immediately we will cease issuing combined tests for FF I/II and HMA/HMO.

Procedure - Skills evaluation and grading

ATTENTION - Lead Evaluator - Evaluator - **ATTENTION**

When a student is being evaluated to a specific skill as part of a certification testing procedure - ALL components of the skill must be evaluated on a pass/fail basis.

What does all components mean - each statement on the skill sheet must be tested and graded.

Example: Fire Officer I Skill Sheet Section 2 Emergency Service Delivery There are 7 steps associated with this skill the student must perform/complete each skill in accordance with the process outlined in the reference manual. Further explanation - one of the evaluation components is to "develop and implement an effective action plan." The referenced book - Fire and Emergency Services Company Officer - page 296 states that an IAP must contain:

1. Strategic Goals
2. Tactical Objectives
3. Support requirements for a specific operational period
4. Manageable Span of Control (appropriate Command Structure)
5. Comprehensive Resource Management
6. Personnel Accountability

If you have any questions about this procedure please contact John Buckman 317-417-3695 or via email jbuckman@dhs.in.gov

Modular system modification

We are looking at rearranging the topics covered in the modular system based upon feedback from many instructors and chiefs. One example is the suggestion to move fire behavior from module C to module A or B.

If we move all of the mandatory material into module A, student(s) could be tested to the mandatory and receive a mandatory certification. We will update Instructors in the next 30 days.

Respectfully,

IDHS Fire Training Staff